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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/643,584
Filing Date	8/22/2000
First Named Inventor	Eric Schneider #12
Art Unit	2155 LTD
Examiner Name	Philip Tran 5-10-04
Attorney Docket Number	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on MAY 06 2004

- ii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

- a. ☐ Deposit Account No. _____

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

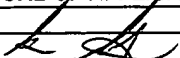
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 enclosed


- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 385.00

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
 2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:
☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	201	740	370			Utility filing fee	
106	206	330	165			Design filing fee	
107	207	510	255			Plant filing fee	
108	208	740	370			Reissue filing fee	
114	214	160	80			Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

Large Entity Small Entity
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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	205	130	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	227	50	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	139	130	130			Non-English specification	
147	147	2,520	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	112	920*	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	113	1,840*	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	215	110	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	216	400	200			Extension for reply within second month	
117	217	920	460			Extension for reply within third month	
118	218	1,440	720			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	228	1,960	980			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	219	320	160			Notice of Appeal	
120	220	320	160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	221	280	140			Request for oral hearing	
138	138	1,510	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	240	110	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	241	1,280	640			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	242	1,280	640			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	243	460	230			Design issue fee	
144	244	620	310			Plant issue fee	
122	122	130	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	123	50	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	126	180	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	581	40	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	246	740	370			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	249	740	370			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	279	740	370			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385.00
169	169	900	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 385.00

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